



Montgomery County Department Of Permitting Services

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BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FACT SHEET

WHAT: Benefit Performance. "Any bonafide non-profit organization within the county. . . organized within the county for promotion . . . of a volunteer fire department, or of any charitable benevolent, patriotic, fraternal, educational, religious or civic object and not organized for the private profit or gain of any member of such group . . . may conduct and operated any benefit performance, such as an outdoor or indoor carnival. Fair, picnic, dance, card party, bazaar, concert, contest, horse show, exhibition, lecture, barbecue or dinner, to which the public is invited or admission, the net proceeds of which benefit performance shall . . . be donated to the sponsoring organization . . . "Chapter 30, titled Licensing and Regulations Generally, Section 30-4, titled "Benefit Performances, Montgomery County Code, 1984 as amended.

WHO: Any bonafide non-profit organization within the county, or any company, association or body corporate, bonafide organized within the county.

WHEN: Prior to conducting a benefit performance, the sponsoring organization must make application for the license on the form provided.

HOW: Licenses are issued for each benefit performance. Application may be obtained from the Department of Permitting Services, 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (240) 777-6256.

*Please submit check or money order (payable to "Montgomery County Maryland") with application. **FEES INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL AUTOMATION IMPROVEMENT SURCHARGE OF 10%.**

FEE: *\$44.00

Benefit Performance subject to inspection by authorized Montgomery County Personnel.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCES IN THE CITY LIMITS OF ROCKVILLE & GAITHERSBURG ARE NOT LICENSED BY THIS OFFICE.

YOU, THE APPLICANT

1. Review the attached application
2. A copy of the organization's federal tax exemption number must be submitted with the application.
3. Benefit Performance Applications may be obtained from the Department of Permitting Services
4. All applications must be submitted with the required fee two (2) weeks prior to the benefit performance, except carnivals, which should be submitted at least four (4) weeks prior to the benefit performance.
5. Personnel with the Department of Permitting Services will discuss the county's regulations with the applicant(s) by appointment (240) 777-6256.

COUNTY AGENCIES

1. The Provision of food and beverages for public consumption with or without charge requires a Food Service Facility Permit. Food Service Facility Fact Sheet available from the Department of Health (240) 777-3986.
2. If you are conducting a Bingo game, applications for that activity are provided by the Department of Health. Bingo Fact Sheet available at (240) 777-3986.
3. The selling of Alcoholic Beverages requires a license from the Board of License Commissioners. Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Fact Sheet available from the Board of License Commissioners (240) 777-1999.

IMPORTANT – THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES MUST HAVE PROOF OF ALL PERMITS IF REQUIRED, BEFORE WE CAN ISSUE A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE LICENSE.

GENERAL NOTES

Zoning Ordinance of the Maryland – Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Section 59-A-6.5 Benefit Performances permitted under section 30-4 may be conducted in any zone; provided that:

- (a) No such performance may be conducted in any residential or C-0 or C-1 Zone for a period exceeding fifteen days for any one performance, nor be located within six hundred feet (600 feet) of any dwelling unless at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the occupants of any such dwellings within six hundred feet (600 feet) of such site consent to such performance in writing.
- (b) The provisions of subsection (a) above shall not apply to a benefit performance conducted upon property which is occupied by a private club operating in compliance with this chapter, a church a fire department, or public school or a nationally chartered service or veterans organization not organized for gain or profit of any individual member of such groups.

Failure on the part of the licensee to strictly observe the license law and maintain good order at the said performance will constitute grounds for the revocation of the license.

USE OF DICE PROHIBITED

The license does not permit or authorize the awarding of prizes in money or the rewarding of the winner or winners or other participants in any game in money, or token redeemable in money. Operation of any benefit performance in violation thereof, upon conviction shall be subject to a fine up to \$1000 or imprisonment up to 1 year, or both, in the discretion of the Court. (Section 30-4, Montgomery County Code, 1972).